

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 716

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Head Coach Bill Carlyle and the Walter State Community College Men's Basketball Team upon completing an extraordinary season.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Walter State Community College men's basketball program is one such estimable sports team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2004-2005 season, establishing a record of twenty-four wins and five losses on their way to claiming the TJCCAA/NJCAA Region VII Tournament Title; and

WHEREAS, with a conference record of thirteen wins and three losses and a regional tournament title, the Walter State Senators earned a spot in the NJCAA National Tournament; and

WHEREAS, power forward Darryl Sommerset was named the TJCCAA/NJCAA Region VII Tournament Most Valuable Player, and Ralph Legge and Wadale Williams were named to the All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extraordinary basketball team include, Lamont Campbell, Tyler Jones, Wadale Williams, Ralph Legg, Thomas Haynes, Adron Marshall, Jason Worley, James Helton, Zach Hyatte, Darryl Sommerset, Aurimas Silys, Marqkese Crockett, Patrick Youmessi, and D. D. Golden; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to his astute leadership skills and coaching abilities, Head Coach Bill Carlyle reached his 800th win this season on February 23, 2005; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the able leadership of Head Coach Bill Carlyle, the Walter State Community College men's basketball coaching staff included Assistant Coaches Tony Buell and Derek Creech; and

WHEREAS, with great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the Walter State Community College men's basketball team always conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the men's basketball players at Walter State Community College epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible an extraordinary basketball season, but also surely bodes well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Walter State Community College men's basketball team upon winning the TJCCAA/NJCAA Region VII Tournament Title and serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Head Coach Bill Carlyle and the members of the Walter State Community College men's basketball team and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.